

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The work has already been included in the Railways' Works Programme.

(c) No time schedule has so far been drawn up for construction of the overbridge.

(d) The work is in planning stage and can be taken up for execution, only after the detailed plans and estimate are finalised, jointly with the State Government/Ministry of Surface Transport.

Air Service in Uttar Pradesh

5565. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in Uttar Pradesh presently connected by the air services;

(b) the names of the places for which air services are proposed to be introduced during the current year and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Agra, Varanasi, Kanpur, Allahabad, Lucknow, Gorakhpur and Dehradun in Uttar Pradesh are presently connected by air services.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Operational capacity with airlines and traffic demand do not justify Airlinking of new stations in Uttar Pradesh at the present moment.

Closure of LPG Agencies in Uttar Pradesh

5566. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of the LPG agencies closed down during 1990-91 in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHANKUMAR): (a) and (b). During 1990-91 one distributorship in Saharanpur district and another in Lucknow district were terminated on account of violation of Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

[English]

Transportation of Betel Baskets at Macheda Station

5567. SHRISATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of steps proposed to be taken for the improvement of betel baskets transportation at Macheda station, South Eastern Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): Betel leaves being perishable traffic gets priority for clearance by Mail/Express trains. As a result of intensive drive to clear betel baskets by Mail/Express trains 46,694 qtls. were loaded during April to July '91 as against 41,480 qtls. during April to July '90. Various other steps have been taken including attaching of additional parcel vans by trains running through Macheda station.

Night Flying Facilities in I.G.R.U.A

5568. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy (IGRUA) is imparting training in night flying;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the aims and objectives of the IGRUA have been achieved; and

(d) if not, the steps taken to achieve them?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). In the case of single engine aircraft, the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademy is imparting training in night flying.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Harrassment to Passengers at Bombay Airport

5569. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agents are harrassing the passengers with connivance of staff of the airport and the Indian Airlines and offering O.K. tickets after charging extra money from them; and

(b) whether the Government have received complaints of hardships and harrassments to passengers at Bombay airport;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government to curb this malpractice at all domestic airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Some complaints have been received in this regard.

(c) Certain surprise checks carried out by security and vigilance officials of Indian Airlines on their own and alongwith C.B.I. revealed that some agents were indulging in black marketing of Indian Airlines tickets. They were misleading the Gulf passengers by speaking in their languages and offering them O.K. tickets after charging extra money.

(d) In order to curb this malpractice, surprise checks are being carried out regularly by the officials of Indian Airlines, along with the CBI, at the airports covering high density flights. The following steps being taken to curb this menance:-

1. Thorough checking of the tickets at the entry gates so that only bonafide passengers gain entry in the terminal building.
2. In coordination with the agencies, raids to apprehend the persons involved in the racket.
3. Augmenting the strength of policemen in plain clothes and intensifying the patrolling to apprehend the offenders.
4. Indian Airlines to display a board for information of passengers regarding availability of seats in the south bound flights.

Extension of Calcutta Circular Railway

5570. PROF. MALINI BHAT-TACHARYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the circular railway in Calcutta from Princep Ghat to Majherhat;

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps to get the project cleared by the Port Trust; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Extension of Calcutta Circular Railway from Princep Ghat to Majerhat involves use of Culcutta Port Trust (CPT) land. Matter regarding transfer of the required land to the Railways has been taken up with the CPT authorities.